## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note:
37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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i. XXXXX RCE fee (\$810.00/\$405.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)	
ii. <b>XXXXX</b> Extension of Time fee - \$980 (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii. Other	
b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed	
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	
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January 21, 2009 Date of Signature

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